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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Lee and McPherron Art Unit: 1635
Application No.: 09/640,887 Examiner: J.E. Angell
Filed: August 17, 2000 Confirmation No.: 6417
Title: GROWTH DIFFERENTIATION FACTOR-8 NUCLEIC ACID AND
POLYPEPTIDE FROM AQUATIC SPECIES, AND TRANSGENIC
AQUATIC SPECIES

Commissioner for Patents
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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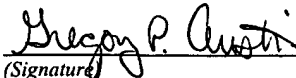
This is a request under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action mailed on September 22, 2003.

The requested extension is for Two (2) Months, extending the period for response from December 22, 2003 to February 22, 2004.

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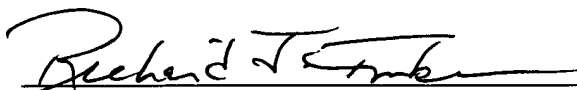
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Respectfully submitted,

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